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NEW P. O. W. CODE HELD ONLY A START

**Jackson Says Our Men Are
Being Trained to Resist
Communist Techniques**

The new Code of Conduct for Prisoners of War is merely a beginning in teaching troops to evade capture and interrogation, one of its authors said yesterday.

Stephen S. Jackson, assistant general counsel of the Defense Department, said prisoners who talked least fared best.

As a member of the committee

that wrote the code, Mr. Jackson spoke before members of the Advertising Men's Post 209, American Legion, at a luncheon in the Lexington Hotel, Forty-eighth Street and Lexington Avenue.

"Neither the committee, the Defense Department nor the President believes that the mere promulgation of this code will solve the problem," he said. "It is the point of departure for the soldier of misfortune who finds himself in the hands of the enemy. To be effective, it must be implemented.

"The armed services are already well under way with detailed training programs stressing the salient features of this code. These programs are designed to apprise the fighting man of the techniques and devices of Communist interroga-

tors and to strengthen him against them."

Many younger American prisoners in the Korean conflict lacked any education on American traditions, ideals and principles, the speaker said.

Ignorant of Own Land

"The uninformed P. O. W.'s were up against it," he said. "They could not answer arguments in favor of communism with arguments in favor of Americanism because they knew very little about their America. They were easy prey for the adroit interrogators who actually knew more of American history than any of these untrained young prisoners of war."

Defense Department figures show that of 1,600,000 men engaged in the Korean conflict on the United Nations side, 7,190

were captured. Of these 4,428 were returned.

Originally, Mr. Jackson said, there were 565 cases of prisoners suspected of misconduct. Through reviews, this number was cut to 192. Ultimately only twenty-two were recommended for courts martial. In none of these cases, he said, was court martial recommended where "coercion by torture, brainwashing or other forceful duress" had been used.

"The code avoids the extreme of holding inexorably to the literal requirement of silence except to reveal name, rank and serial number on the one hand, and talking without restraint on the other," he explained. "It recognizes that there are limits to human endurance, but it sets the standards all should strive for. The Ten Commandments set high

standards. At times they are violated, but no one would suggest that we abandon or change them."

Frank Peer Beal, post chaplain, led the members in prayers for President Eisenhower's recovery from his heart attack. Herbert F. Osterheld, post commander, presided.